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YEAR (WCIWY)

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1. GOR HAS INFORMED US THAT ROMANIAN DELEGATION TO WCIWY, MEXICO CITY, JUNE 19 - JULY 2, WILL BE: LINA CIOBANU (CHIEF OF DELEGATION), PRESIDENT, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR WOMEN; COUNCIL MEMBERS MARIA GROZA, TAMARA DOBRIN, AND MARIA BOBU; AND VIRGINIA RUS AND BRANDUSA STEFANESCU, MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN'S COUNCILS.

2. BIO: DELEGATION IS STRONG ONE. CIOBANU, ABOUT 50, AT PRESENT IS NUMBER TWO ROMANIAN WOMAN POLITICIAN, BEHIND PRESIDENT'S WIFE ELENA

CEAUSESCU. HER POSTS INCLUDE FULL MEMBER, ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND FULL MEMBER, RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE. SHE IS BONAFIDE SELF-MADE PROLETARIAN WHO HAS RISEN NATIONALLY AFTER LONG (1961-73) STINT AS RCP FIRST SECRETARY OF BUCHAREST'S SECTOR TWO. SHE IS ALSO GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (PARLIAMENT) DEPUTY AND HAS IMPRESSED

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ONE EMBOFF AS A STRONG, BROADSHOULDERED, PLEASANT, ALMOSZE

SOFTSPOKEN WOMAN WITH WORK-VARAR
ZED PVNDS AND CONSIDERABLE
PRESENCE.

3. GROZA, A TALL OUTGOING LADY, IS DAUGHTER OF ROMANIA'S FIRST POST-WORLD WAR TWO PRESIDENT PETRU GROZA AND SISTER OF OCTAVIAN GROZA, FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. UNTIL 1975 A GNA VICE-PRESIDENT, SHE REMAINS A GNA DEPUTY. DOBRIN IS MEMBER, STATE COUNCIL, GNA DEPUTY, RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE CANDIDATE MEMBER, AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY OF PSYCHOLOGY OF ART AT FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY, BUCHAREST UNIVERSITY; SHE MADE EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON NETHERLANDS OFFICIALS DURING QUEEN'S VISIT HERE IN MAY, SPEAKS FLUENT GERMAN AND UNDERSTANDS SOME ENGLISH. EMBASSY HAS LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT JURIST BOBU'S BACKGROUND, EXCEPT FOR SEPCULATION SHE MAY BE WIFE (OR RELATIVE) OF EMIL BOBU, FAST-RISEN EX-MINISTER OF INTERIOR, NOW PARTY SECRETARY, RCP POLEXCO MEMZAOPAND STATE COUNCIL VP. RUS IS A PHYSICIAN AND A FORMER MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIAL WHO WAS INVOLVED IN WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE (WPC) LAST AUGUST. NO INFO ON STEFANESCU.

4. ON AUGUST 27, 1974, CIOBANU, DOBRIN, AND BOBU MET AMICABLY WITH PAT HUTAR, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO UN COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN, AND OTHER U.S. WOMEN DURING HUTAR'S PARTICIPATION IN WPC (EMB MEMCON, AUGUST 27).

5. ROMANIAN DEL, WHILE CERTJAN TO LAUD EQUALITY AND PROGRESS OF ROMANIAN WOMEN IN ORJODOX "SOCIALIST" WAY, WILL ALSO KEEP CERTAIN POLITICAL DISTANCE FROM SOVIETS AND PROBABLY WILL SOUND MORE AKIN TO THIRD WORLD IN SUPPORT FOR "NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER". OFFICIAL GOR LINE IS THAT HAVING ACHIEVED FULL EQUALITY, ROMANIAN WOMEN ARE ABLE TO MOVE ON TO OTHER ISSUES.

6. IN RECENT CONVERSATION, PROMINENT ROMANIAN WOVBN (PR ECTL WHO UYTENDED UN SESSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN IN NYC IN MAY WAS SCORNFUL OF PRIOR BUCHAREST "MEETING OF WOMEN WORKERS" AND "THAT SOVIET FRONT GROUP" (BUREAU, INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FEDERATION OF WOMEN, APRIL 22-24). SURPRISINGLY CANDID, SHE TOOK LINE THAT EE COUNTRIES STILL WERE "DOWNRIGHT OLD FASHIONED" IN THEIR WOMEN'S RHETORIC AND SHE DID NOT EXPECT MUCH BEYOND TRADITIONAL LINE OF BALONEY AT MEXICO CITY.

7. HER FRANK IMPRESSION OF U.S. DELEGATION AT MAY UN GATHERING WAS THAT AMERICAN WOMEN, AT FIRST, SEEMED "POLITE ALMOST TO POINT OF BEING NAIVE" AND PUSHOVERS. HOWEVER, BY

CONFERENCE'S END, ALL KNEW US DEL WAS NOT BEING TAKEN IN,
WAS AWARE OF TACTICS BEING USED BY OTHERS, AND COULD HANDLE
SITUATION. SHE PROFESSED TO DETECT "ELEMENT OF STEEL"
IN U.S. GROUP AND EXPECTED SAME QUALITY TO BE APPARENT AT
MEXICO CITY, WHERE IT WILL BE SORELY NEEDED.
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